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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No.: SCHALLER

In re Application of:	)
HEINZ SCHALLER et al.	)
Appl. No.: 09/383,978	)
Filed: August 26, 1999	)
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR	)
EXPRESSING HETEROLOGOUS	)
GENES IN HEPATOCYTES USING	)
HEPADNAVIRAL VECTORS	)

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**  
dated November 6, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This communication is in response to the Official Action of November 6, 2001, having a shortened period for response terminating February 6, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by THREE months until May 6, 2002.

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